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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ATTACK ON CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

1. PRAVDA OF SEPTEMBER 12 CARRIES BRIEF SIGNED ARTICLE DRAWING ATTENTION TO CHEMICAL PRODUCTION SHORTAGES IN USSR WHICH CHEMICAL CONSUMING ENTERPRISES HERE ARE NOW FEELING, BOTH IN RAW MATERIAL AND SEMI-MANUFACTURE AVAILABILITY. SHIFTING SMOOTHLY FROM SPECIFICS OF CHEMICAL SECTOR TO GENERALITIES OF PRODUCTION WITHIN OVERALL ECONOMY, ARTICLE ABSOLVES GOSPLAN AND INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHORTCOMINGS OF THE INDUSTRY. IT THEN FOLLOWS PATTERN OF RECENT ARTICLES, PUTTING BLAME ON MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, BUT TAKES FURTHER STEP OF OFFERING FOLLOWING DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY SENTENCE TO LAST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 134 OF SOVIET CONSTITUTION: "INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SATISFYING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR SECTORS, AND THIS IS THE PRIMARY CRITERION OF THE QUALITY OF THEIR WORK." ARTICLE SIGNED BY M. SKARZHINSKIY, PROFESSOR AND DR. OF ECONOMICS, CITY OF KOSTROMA.

2. COMMENT: WHILE IDEA OF PUTTING BLAME FOR SECTOR
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PROBLEMS ON APPROPRIATE MINISTRY NOT NEW, ARTICLE'S CRITICISM OF CHEMICALS, AN INDUSTRY WHICH HAS BEEN HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING THE PLAN FOR 1977, IS INTERESTING IN VIEW OF TIMING, WHICH COINCIDES WITH CHEMISTRY '77 EXHIBITION AT SOKOLNIKI PARK. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SAY THAT THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IS IN TROUBLE OR THAT THERE IS ANY GENERAL DISPOSITION

TO FAULT THE MINISTRY FOR WHATEVER PROBLEMS MAY EXIST.
IN VIEW OF THE PARTICULARLY HEAVY PRESSURE ON THIS
INDUSTRY TO SUPPORT MAJOR SOVIET ECONOMIC TARGETS,
SUCH AS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURE, IT IS SAFE
TO ASSUME THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
IS GETTING THE CLOSE SCRUTINY OF TOP SOVIET LEADERSHIP.
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